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Speaker Bios

Monday Night Keynote Speaker

Pete Rahn

Pete K. Rahn was appointed Transportation Secretary by Governor Larry Hogan on January 21, 2015. He is the first person to have led transportation departments in three different states. As Secretary, Mr. Rahn oversees a \$4.9 billion annual budget and leads 11,037 employees. The Maryland Department of Transportation has direct supervision over all aspects of transportation including: the State's highway, transit and rail networks; toll facilities; motor vehicles; Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; and the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Rahn served as the Chairman of the New Mexico State Transportation Commission from 2011 to 2015, as the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation from 2004 to 2010 and as Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department from 1995 to 2002. He served as President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials from October 2007 to November 2008.

Tuesday Morning Panelists

James Corless

James Corless is the Director of Transportation for America (T4America), an alliance of elected, business and civic leaders from communities across the country, united to ensure that states and the federal government step up to invest in smart, homegrown, locally-driven transportation solutions. Prior to Transportation for America, Corless served as a senior planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the San Francisco Bay Area where he managed the agency's efforts to partner with the private sector and local governments to promote jobs, retail and residential construction along public transportation corridors. Corless helped author several pieces of groundbreaking state legislation in California that have helped encourage coordination of transportation, growth and economic development. He also has served as a visiting lecturer at the University of California at Berkeley in the Department of City and Regional Planning.

Emil Frankel

Emil H. Frankel is a Senior Fellow with the Eno Center for Transportation, a Visiting Scholar at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) in Washington, DC, and an independent consultant on transportation policy and public management issues. In addition, last month he was appointed by Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy to serve on the Governor's Transportation Finance Panel. Previously, he served as BPC's director of transportation policy. In June 2009, BPC's transportation project, under Frankel's leadership, issued its report and recommendations, "Performance Driven: A New Vision for U.S. Transportation Policy." Frankel was Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation from 2002 to 2005. Appointed by President George W. Bush, Frankel played a key role in the coordination and development of the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal highway, transit, and highway safety programs. Frankel was Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation from 1991 to 1995. Frankel served as a founding Vice Chair of the I-95 Corridor Coalition and as a Director of the Regional Plan Association of New York. Frankel received his Bachelor's from Wesleyan University and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Manchester University in the United Kingdom.





Janet Kavinsky

Janet F. Kavinsky is Executive Director, Transportation & Infrastructure at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC and Vice President of the Americans for Transportation Mobility Coalition. She is a nationally recognized expert in transportation policy, funding, and finance. As executive director in the Chamber's Congressional and Public Affairs Division, Kavinsky leads all transportation strategy, policy, and lobbying efforts. She has expertise in developing consensus policy positions among diverse stakeholders and lobbying Congress and executive branch agencies on a wide range of legislative and regulatory matters relating to surface, air, and water transportation. Kavinsky is vice president of the Chamber-led Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM) Coalition, a nationwide effort by business, labor, transportation organizations, and concerned citizens to advocate for improved and increased federal investment in the nation's aging and overburdened transportation system. In addition, Kavinsky developed and leads the Chamber's Let's Rebuild America (LRA) initiative to raise the profile of infrastructure issues, broaden stakeholder engagement, and create new opportunities for businesses to influence public policy.

Joung Lee

Joung Lee is the Policy Director at the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO). He reviews surface transportation policy and legislative matters with the state transportation departments, Congressional staff, and executive branch. He examines highway and transit funding scenarios, evaluates options and proposals for innovative financing of federal highway projects, and delivers presentations to interested parties. He founded Young Professionals in Transportation, a national networking association based in Washington, DC. Prior to joining AASHTO in 2007, Joung held transportation planner and analyst positions between 2001 and 2007 with the Federal Highway Administration's Headquarters and Division Offices in Virginia, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. During this time, he also completed assignments to the Federal Transit Administration, Metropolitan Transportation Commission in California, and the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. He holds a Bachelor's in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia and a Master's in Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

Brian Pallasch

Brian Pallasch is the managing director for government relations and infrastructure initiatives at the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in Washington, DC. He has been responsible for managing the ASCE's government relations department including federal and state legislative affairs, regulatory affairs, grassroots, and policy development, since joining the staff in 1999. Since 2008, Pallasch has been responsible for managing ASCE's strategic initiatives regarding infrastructure including development of the Report Card for America's Infrastructure. Additionally, Pallasch serves as the Co-Chair of the Water Resources Coalition. Prior to joining the staff of ASCE, Pallasch served as the Director of Government Relations for the American Subcontractors Association.

Joshua Schank

Joshua L. Schank is President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation, a non-profit foundation with the mission of improving transportation policy and leadership. Schank, who is an urban planner, has worked on federal and state transportation policy for over a decade. Before joining Eno, he directed the National Transportation Policy Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center which proposed a new vision for the Federal role in surface transportation policy. Dr. Schank was Transportation Policy Advisor to Senator Hillary Clinton during the development of the SAFETEA-LU. He has also worked as a Consultant with PB Consult and Senior





Associate at ICF International in Washington, D.C., as well as serving in positions at the Office of the Inspector General in the U.S. Department of Transportation, and with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City. He holds a Ph.D. in urban planning from Columbia University, a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.A. in urban studies from Columbia University.

Pat Thomas

Pat Thomas is Vice President of Global Public Affairs for UPS and currently serves as First Vice Chairman at the American Trucking Associations. At UPS, he oversees all state legislative, regulatory and political activities and directs a team of state and local public affairs managers across the country. He also oversees the UPS Congressional Awareness Program, a comprehensive grassroots program designed to strengthen UPS's relationships with Members of Congress in their home district. Pat began his career with UPS in 1985 as a seasonal delivery driver. Since then, he held senior positions in operations and human resources before joining the public affairs group in 1998. Before joining UPS, Pat worked as a commercial pilot for various private corporations flying both people and cargo to airports throughout the U.S. He is also a certified flight instructor and has trained pilots.

Tuesday Lunch Speaker

Aaron Castelo

Aaron Castelo is the Director of State and Local Government Relations for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and has nearly 15 years of experience in state government relations, most of it with professional and trade associations based in Washington, D.C. In his role at ASCE, Castelo oversees the association's program to empower local ASCE Section efforts to influence state government on issues affecting civil engineering and to advocate for ASCE priority issues at the state level. Previously he held positions with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association, the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and the American Academy of Otolaryngology. Mr. Castelo is a graduate of Indiana University with a double major in journalism and political science. He has an M.A. in political science from Ball State University, and is a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management.

Tuesday Afternoon Listening Session at USDOT

Dana Gresham

Dana Gresham is the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Transportation. In this capacity, Mr. Gresham serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and senior staff with respect to legislative affairs, Congressional relations, and policy matters affecting Federal, state and local governments, and public and private interest groups. He joined DOT in May 2009 after being confirmed by the United States Senate. He has over 14 years of Capitol Hill experience, having worked for three different Members of Congress between 1994 and 2009.

Carlos Monje Jr.

Carlos Monje is Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation. He manages and oversees the Office of Transportation Policy which is primarily responsible for recommending transportation policy initiatives to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary. The Office of Transportation Policy reviews proposed Departmental regulatory actions to ensure that regulations are as consistent as possible with the policies of the Administration and the Secretary. He oversees the





administration's proposal to reauthorize surface transportation programs, the TIGER discretionary grant program, and efforts to promote equity and economic development. Monje previously served as Counselor to US. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, Special Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff of the White House Domestic Policy Council.

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Rob Healy

Rob Healy is vice president-government affairs for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). He manages APTA's lobbying efforts on federal legislative issues that affect the transit industry on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. In that capacity, he oversees industry efforts on the federal budget, the annual appropriations process, multi-year authorization bills, transit security, tax, energy and environmental legislation, and measures that affect commuter and intercity passenger rail service, including high-speed passenger rail. Before joining the APTA staff, Healy worked at the Democratic Study Group (DSG), in the U.S. House of Representatives, for 13 years. He also worked as a research director for the presidential campaign of Michael Dukakis in 1988.

Pete Ruane

Dr. T. Peter Ruane is the president and CEO of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), a 113-year old national federation of public and private transportation construction interests headquartered in Washington, D.C. He has over 40 years of diversified experience in the economic development, transportation, construction and national defense fields. Prior to joining ARTBA in October 1988, he served for nine years as President/CEO of the National Moving and Storage Association. Dr. Ruane served as the deputy director of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Office of the Secretary of Defense and the President's Economic Adjustment Committee. He is a graduate of Loyola College of Baltimore, and holds a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a doctorate from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a decorated Vietnam veteran, having served as an officer with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Wednesday Morning Speaker

Barbara Rohde

Barbara Rohde serves as the Executive Director of the Mileage Based User Fee Alliance in Washington, D.C. Organized in 2010, MBUFA comprises government, business, and research organizations across the nation as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing updated information on mileage based issues around the world to policymakers, press, and the public. Ms. Rohde also holds an appointment at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School and Center for Transportation Studies, where she has worked on congestion pricing issues. Prior to this position, Ms. Rohde served as Chief of Staff to Byron Dorgan in the U.S. Congress and as the Washington Representative for Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich. She holds a BA from the University of North Dakota and an MPA from the University of Denver.

